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But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints. For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem.

Romans 15:25-26

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Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.

Acts 28:30-31

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Tychicus was one of the two men in consideration for that important position.

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In this letter Paul pleads the case of Onesimus to Philemon and entrusts Tychicus to speak his heart for him.

Tychicus

I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten while in my chains, who once was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable to you and to me. I am sending him back. You therefore receive him, that is, my own heart, whom I wished to keep with me, that on your behalf he might minister to me in my chains for the gospel. But without your consent I wanted to do nothing, that your good deed might not be by compulsion, as it were, but voluntary.

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For perhaps he departed for a while for this purpose, that you might receive him forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave— a beloved brother, especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. If then you count me as a partner, receive him as you would me. But if he has wronged you or owes anything, put that on my account.

Philemon 1:10-18

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Finally, Tychicus was with Paul during his last imprisonment in Rome. Paul sent him to Ephesus in order for Timothy to be able to come and visit Paul one last time.

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As Robert Sheffey would later say,

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Undivided, holy and pure

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With all of my heart
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Abraham, Moses, Isaiah

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Stephen gave his life to follow the Son

Polycarp, Irenaeus, Justin, Athanasius and Tertullian
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They counted the cost, just to love the Lord

Wycliffe, Hus, Luther, Calvin

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Preachers of the Word, in season and not

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